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HARVEY W. SCHULTZ  
Commissioner

October 11, 1988

Mr. Harry Coates  
Office of Environmental Affairs  
Consolidatd Edison Co. of New York Inc.  
4 Irving Place  
New York, NY 10003

RE: Nelson Galvanizing  
11-02 Broadway, LIC

Dear Harry:

The Division of Hazardous Materials Programs (DHMP) and the Industrial Waste Control Section (IWCS) of the NYC Department of Environmental Protection recently conducted inspections of the subject facility based on your complaint that acidic discharges were discovered in a Con Edison manhole in the immediate vicinity of the facility.

The inspections revealed that Nelson Galvanizing has had a history of spills and leaks into the ground which have probably impacted on areas outside the facility. Both DHMP and IWCS have issued Orders to Nelson Galvanizing to take corrective actions. Collectively these Orders were intended to: prevent further spills and leaks, determine the extent of subsurface contamination, and to mitigate the subsurface contamination.

The company has retained the services of a Professional Engineer to determine the methodologies needed to comply with the Orders, and so far work has been proceeding in compliance with the Orders. The mechanisms to be instituted for spill and leak control as well as any mitigative actions deemed necessary for a subsurface clean-up, should prevent further intrusion of materials from this operation into the Con Edison manhole.

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We are monitoring the situation continuously, to ensure that the actions specified in the Orders are complied with.

Thank you for bringing this matter to our attention. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at (212) 669-8930.

Sincerely,



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Director, Office of  
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Technical Assessment

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